

1 **IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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4 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-677US
5 Title: Linked Value Replication

6 **DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

7 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

8 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to
9 my name.

10 I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed
11 below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the
12 subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention
13 entitled "Linked Value Replication," the specification of which is attached hereto.

14 I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified
15 specification, including the claims.

16 I hereby claim benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of United States Provisional
17 Application 60/212,950, filed June 21, 2000.

18 I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the
19 examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal
20 Regulations, § 1.56(a).

21 PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONS: no applications for foreign patents or
22 inventor's certificates have been filed prior to the date of execution of this
23 declaration.

24 **Power of Attorney**

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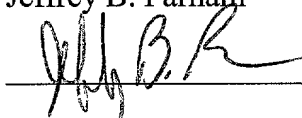
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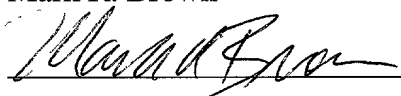
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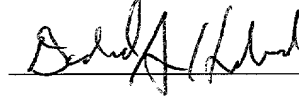
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